

REMARKS

Claims 18-34 are currently pending in this application and are subject to a restriction requirement. Claim 26 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

According to the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of each of the following species for examination:

- a) Type of Emulsion (e.g. direct emulsion, inverse emulsion, etc.): The Emulsion type of species is recited by claims 21-24.
Election: Direct emulsions
- b) Core compound with groups A, R, B & r; Each compound species of formula (I) recited by claims 26-29.
Election: 5-aminoisophthalic acid ("AIPA") (A = NH₂; B = COOH; R = C₆H₅; r = 2)
- c) Core compound with groups A', R' & B': Each compound species of formula (II) recited by claims 27-29.
Election: ε-caprolactam ("CL") (A' = NH₂; B' = COOH; R' = -(CH₂)₅-)
- d) Core Monomer with groups R¹, B'' & n: Each compound species of formula (III) recited by claims 27-29.
Election: 1,3,5-benzentricarboxylic acid ("BTC") (B'' = COOH; R¹ = C₆H₅; n = 3).
- e) Chain Limiting monomer with groups A'' & R²: Each compound species of formula (IV) recited by claims 27-29.
Election: Compound corresponding to Jeffamine® M1000 (A'' = NH₂; R² = a polyoxyalkylene containing group. (See ¶[0260] of published application)
- f) Other Chain Limiting monomer: The compound of this species is recited in claim 29.
Election: No further chain limiting monomer being used

Claims 18-21, 23-28, and 30-34 read on the elected species.


Conclusion

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain in the application, the Examiner is invited, if appropriate, to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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